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**FAULKNER, VAN BUREN AND SEARCY COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURTS NOW ONLINE**

Circuit court filings in Faulkner, Van Buren and Searcy counties are now available to the public online. Faulkner County's district court filings are also online as of today. The courts are using the ACS Contexte System provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts. This marks the first complete multi-county judicial circuit to use the program. The public may view case information for civil, criminal, domestic relations and probate cases by going to CourtConnect at <http://caseinfo.aoc.arkansas.gov>.

The Arkansas Supreme Court recognizes the efforts of the clerks of Faulkner County for the past several years as pilot court participants in the Arkansas Court Automation Project. Faulkner Circuit Clerk, Rhonda Wharton and Judge David Reynolds have been pilot participants from the beginning of the project. In June 2002, the Administrative Office of the Courts purchased a statewide software license from ACS Government Services for its Contexte case management system. In addition to case management, the software license includes a jury management system, an in-court processing module, an online traffic ticket payment module, and a public access component. Faulkner County was the first to use the jury management system.

Through their participation in the Arkansas Court Automation Project (ACAP), Circuit Clerks Rhonda Wharton, Ester Bass and Wesley Smith, along with Faulkner County Clerk Melinda Reynolds, are helping to bring modern technology to Arkansas courts. Since its inception in 2002, the ultimate goal of the automation project has been to provide statewide case management to all Arkansas courts. ACAP began as a pilot project with both circuit and district courts to determine the feasibility and suitability of such a project and to customize the software for Arkansas's court needs. By participating in this system, the courts will be among the first to be able to begin electronic filing late next year.

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